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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of  
Ingbritt MAGNUSSON  
Serial No. (Unknown)  
Filed herewith  
FASTENER MEANS

*Fuller*  
*3H*

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, please amend  
the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 1-21.

Add the following new claims:

~~22.~~ (New) Nonwoven fabric that includes a surface  
for fastening the male component of a hook and loop fastener  
system which comprises a loop-free, carded and needled fabric  
of functional fibres and binding fibres, wherein the function-  
al fibres are comprised of thermoplastic polymer fibres, and  
where the nonwoven fabric is bonded by partially melting the  
binding fibres.

23. (New) A nonwoven fabric according to Claim 22,  
wherein the functional fibres are comprised of one or more  
types of polyester fibres and/or polypropylene fibres.